

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**(January 24, 2008)**

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

**Mirza M. Baig, M.D.**, a 46 year-old Iowa-licensed physician from Clive, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with Board. Dr. Baig is board-certified pathologist who practices dermatology in Des Moines and Oskaloosa. Dr. Baig served as the medical director for a skin care clinic located in Clive. On January 17, 2008, Dr. Baig was charged with inappropriately allowing unlicensed, non-physician personnel to perform skin care services that required licensure and failing to provide appropriate supervision to non-physician personnel who performed skin care services at the clinic. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Baig is prohibited from serving as the medical director at any skin care clinic in the future, he received a public reprimand and he must pay a \$5,000 fine.

**John G. Wassil, III, M.D.**, a 39 year-old Iowa-licensed physician from Bettendorf, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him. On January 17, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Wassil with fraud in procuring his Iowa medical license, violating the laws governing the practice of medicine, being disciplined in another state, substance abuse, improper prescribing practices and diverting drugs for his own use. On March 30, 2007, Dr. Wassil filed an application for a permanent Iowa medical license. The Board alleges that he failed to provide complete, accurate and truthful information on the application. The Board further alleges that Dr. Wassil defaulted on a child support order in Ohio and his medical licenses in Ohio and Pennsylvania were subsequently suspended. The Board also alleges that Dr. Wassil engaged in substance abuse, inappropriately prescribed abusable drugs to a close family member and diverted the drugs for his own use. A hearing is scheduled on February 28, 2008.

**Roger K. Weste, M.D.**, a 53 year-old Iowa-licensed physician from De Witt, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him. On January 17, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Weste with being disciplined by another licensing authority. Dr. Weste formerly practiced family medicine for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Tomah, Wisconsin. On January 18, 2005, the VA summarily suspended Dr. Weste after determining that he failed to meet generally accepted standards of clinical practice raising concerns for the safety of patients. The VA concluded that Dr. Weste failed to properly document patient histories and complaints, diagnoses, assessments and follow-up of clinically significant symptoms, abnormal test results, such as x-rays or laboratory results, and bases for questionable treatment decisions or actions in light of the information available to Dr. Weste. A hearing is scheduled on February 28, 2008.

**Fawad S. Zafar, M.D.**, a 46 year-old urologist who practices in West Des Moines, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him. On January 17, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Zafar with professional incompetency and practice harmful or detrimental to the public. The Board alleges that Dr. Zafar failed to exercise appropriate medical judgement, failed to demonstrate necessary education, training and experience and failed to provide proper care to numerous patients. The Board noted that it continues to receive new complaints which raise serious concerns about Dr. Zafar's medical practice. A hearing is scheduled for February 28, 2008.